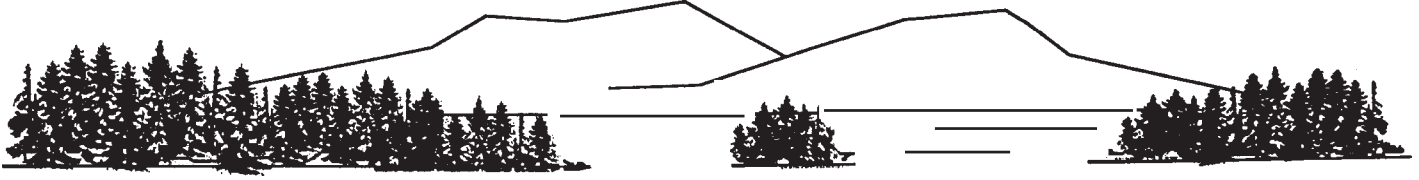


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## NEWSLETTER

The summer issue of the *Times* has, for the last two years, carried a solicitation envelope requesting support for the publication for the upcoming year. This has proven to be our most successful fundraising effort to date and we have been really encouraged by everyone's generous response. Each year we have received sufficient funds to cover the costs of the publication for a full year, and we are hopeful that this year will be equally successful.

On another note, we are looking for a volunteer to do the *Times* calendar. Since the beginning of the publication in 1998, Ken Cookson has faithfully gathered all the dates and information. Now he is hopeful that someone will step forward to assume this responsibility. The rewarding part of the job is you really know what is going on in town!

All of us who produce the *Times* are very grateful for the town's ongoing support. Thank you.

Ann Hackl

## PROFILE

"HeArtworks" is the intriguing title for what used to be the farm products store at the Edgerly's, just up the hill from the north side of Nineteen Mile Bay. Many passersby might wonder what such a place was all about. Venturing inside, we find that the racks of vegetables and displays of preserves and freshly baked pies have been replaced by clear floor space with mats and exercise equipment against a wall. Partitioned to one side is a lounge area with sofa and chairs. Art work and soothing music set the mood for relaxation.

This refurbished building actually houses a community outreach project of YMCA Camp Belknap. Caryn Clark, who developed and directs this facility, didn't need a basketball court or a swimming pool to bring to the Tuftonboro community YMCA programs for nurturing body, mind, and spirit. "HeArtworks" offers a variety of programs. Little tots come in with their Moms to stretch and play various games, sort of a pre-school gym to help develop perceptual motor skills. Then there are fitness classes for all ages according to their needs and interests. Some exercises are designed to gently tone muscles and increase strength, flexibility, and endurance while improving cardiovascular health. Yoga is practiced to release tension and daily stress.

How did "HeArtworks" start? The YMCA's summer camping program was reorganized about five years ago from the statewide "New Hampshire YMCA" that at one time had jurisdiction over a boys camp, a

girls camp, a coed camp, and a day camp. Now Camp Belknap is an independent YMCA with the flexibility to look within its own community to determine local needs and ways it could help.

Caryn took on a major role in the YMCA's new outreach ventures. She has a Bachelor's Degree in psychology from Lesley College with specialization in art therapy. During the 17 years that she has been with the YMCA, Caryn has taken many of its training modules. For example, she is certified to teach group fitness and Yoga. She had been teaching aerobics since moving here with her family. At first, she would pack her equipment and go to Willing Workers Hall for an aerobics program. Then it was the town hall she used for a meeting place. Later she ran after-school programs for a little while at the Tuftonboro School and at the Middle School. When the Edgerly building became available, she was able to consolidate and expand her work into a more complete wellness program.

Caryn didn't go to college with anything like a YMCA career in mind. At one time, she thought of becoming an art therapist, but she didn't go on to get her Masters Degree. She reasoned that it is just as important to bring wellness to people who are not sick. From her experience she found that it was beneficial to provide an atmosphere where people can do artwork, exercise, or just relax and socialize together. Therapy doesn't have to wait until it's time for recovery treatments; it can be preventative medicine as well.

"HeArtworks" is only one of this energetic woman's activities. With her husband, Eugene, she is co-director of Camp Belknap, one of the largest and most popular summer camps in New Hampshire. Every September, when the campers are back in school, Caryn directs the Women's Retreat. It's a weekend of rest and rejuvenation for women of all ages. There are different workshops and classes for experimenting with such things as Yoga, Qi Gong, dance, arts, hiking nature trails, canoeing, kayaking, and tennis. And there is entertainment, campfire gatherings, and enjoyment of the scenic lake and its surrounding mountains.

On a volunteer basis, Caryn works with the Kingswood Youth Center, providing art and exercise programs for the boys and girls who drop in after school. She was the interim director when the Center lost its executive director, and she is president of the Board. As a volunteer Caryn has various roles as instructor or group leader. Sometimes, just being there is important; a familiar face for the kids to relate to.

Caryn Clark is one of the many dedicated people that perform wonderful services for the Tuftonboro community. A fortuitous twist of circumstances brought her here. Both Gene's and Caryn's parents are from the North Country. Her father was in the army, so she grew up living a little bit everywhere. But when her dad retired from the service the family moved back to Bethlehem where she finished high school. Camp Belknap had always been her husband's dream. When Gene's father and mother, who were Camp Belknap's directors for thirty years, retired, Gene, with his grassroots experience as camper, leader, and waterfront director, was well prepared to take over. Under his leadership, the camp program has adapted to the many changes of American culture and expanded. The Clarks have their home beside the campgrounds where they raised their two boys. Now age 18 and 20, their sons attend Skidmore College in New York.

Like Tuftonboro people through the centuries who have adapted their livelihoods to the seasons and changing economics, Caryn has developed a flexible career utilizing whatever local resources and opportunities are available to serve the community in a variety of ways. Her vigorous, cheerful, enthusiastic personality serves as an inspirational model exemplifying the benefits promoted by her programs. The challenge she sees is to provide a more gentle, holistic approach to wellness, matching age-appropriate fitness programs with the needs and wishes of this community.

Dick Frye

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Rec Commission is looking for a large number of volunteers who would be interested in forming an ice skating rink committee. The members of this committee would be responsible for set up and break down of the rink, overseeing the flooding of it, and rink maintenance after every snowstorm. Parks and Rec is also looking for one individual who would be willing to be the committee chairperson to organize the work parties and to develop a telephone chain to communicate with work party volunteers. A large committee is needed so that work can still occur despite the unavailability of some members at some times because of family or work conflicts. Current Parks and Rec Commission members will also serve on the committee. Interested volunteers should contact Eric and Kathy Roseen before September 1, 2004 at 569-5952.

Kathy Roseen

## TOWN REPORT

The most interesting thing happening in town is the soon-to-be-started revaluation. The contract with Avitar has been signed and several meetings have taken place with Gary Roberge, president of Avitar, to discuss procedure. The next meeting will have the town's Department of Revenue monitor, David Hynes, in attendance. Mr. Hynes will oversee the revaluation process. All properties will have to be measured and listed. In order to do this, Avitar employees will need access to buildings and properties. All employees will have identification and a letter of introduction from the town on them. A meeting is to be set up in the next couple of weeks at the school to explain how this is all going to work. Look for a notice in the paper and on the town's website, [www.tuftonboro.org](http://www.tuftonboro.org).

A lot of you have probably noticed a couple of new faces at the Transfer Station. We would like to welcome Scott Greenwood and Paul Palmer and extend our thanks to Michael Hand for his hard work during the short time he has been with us.

The Public Safety Needs Assessment Committee is up and running and chaired by Joe Kowalski. All meetings are open to the public; agendas are posted at the Town Office.

Our very enthusiastic and energetic Parks and Rec Commission will be setting up volleyball and horseshoe areas at 19 Mile Beach. The telephone poles hopefully will be removed soon as all the wires have been relocated. A fence will be installed along the road for safety purposes. This will be placed on town property and will not be as tall as the old state fence.

As always the Selectmen meet every Monday night at 6:30PM at the Town Office. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted on the town's website and at the Town Office.

Suslan Weeks, Bill Stockman, Chip Albee  
Board of Selectmen

## PLANNING BOARD

Once again, in addition to its regular business, the Planning Board is embarking on a major project that will require many hours of time on the part of members as well as significant input and participation from the public. After many years it has been determined that it is time to update the Town Master Plan of Development. The last plan was written twenty years ago and while it has served the Town well it is outdated and in need of review. The Board met several times over the past two months and interviewed three consulting firms to identify one to provide professional assistance in updating the plan. The firm selected by majority vote of the Board was a company named Burnt Rock. The Board will begin meetings in June to develop a process for updating the Master Plan and determine the budgetary requirements for next year to continue this project. Watch for a survey questionnaire to be mailed to all property owners in late summer or early fall to obtain input from the public on their thoughts regarding the current and future direction of Tuftonboro.

The first item on the Planning Board Public Hearing Agenda for March 18 was an application carried over from the February 19, 2004 meeting. This application was to convert the Museum Lodge Cottages on Governor Wentworth Highway into ten privately owned condo units. Concerns expressed by Board members at the February Meeting were addressed by limiting future expansion of the units and by prohibiting second floor additions on any unit. Also additional items were specified to be noted on plans and documents: occupancy limited to seasonal use and maximum sewage loading per day. These limitations, along with review of documents by town counsel and obtaining DES subdivision approval, were added as conditions for approval. The application was approved subject to these conditions, four members in favor, two members opposed.

Next was an application by Joan Gale for a boundary line adjustment for property on County Road. The proposal is to reconfigure four parcels into two parcels one 55.5 acres and the second 19.5 acres. The approval was granted subject to monuments being set and a word change on the plan document.

The final item was a boundary line adjustment on property owned by Glen and Deborah Lauerson and Fuller Brook Enterprise. The applicants own three adjacent lots on Cow Island and wish to divide the middle lot essentially in half and deed one half to each party thereby creating two larger lots. Application was approved.

The April 15 Public Hearing opened with an application by Fenton Varney and Michael and Mary Jarvis for a boundary line adjustment for property in Mountain Shadows conveying 28.39 acres to Varney from the Jarvis 89.2 acre parcel. Varney would add the 28.39 acres to an existing 47.4 acre parcel currently owned by him creating a 76 acre parcel. Jarvis has a 50 foot easement from New Road that he would still retain to his new boundary. Some additional plan work is needed and pins will be set for the Jarvis right of way. Application was continued to the May meeting

Next Fenton Varney presented a preliminary plan

for a 39 house cluster development on the newly created 76 acre parcel in Mountain Shadows. He will return with final plans at a later date.

The third item on the agenda was a formal application by Lanes End Inc. for a new boat storage building similar to ones already on the site. Part of the need is due to larger boats being stored so the number of boats on the site will not increase significantly. A site visit by the Board was planned for April 19 and the application was continued to the May 20 meeting

The Boston YMCA Camp Northwoods application to construct a leadership center on their site was the next item on the agenda. The leadership center would be attached to an existing farm house where a barn once stood before a wind storm a few years ago blew it down. The farm house would remain unchanged. There did not appear to be any major obstacles in view of the large amount of land owned by the YMCA. A site visit was scheduled for April 27 with the application continued to the May 20 meeting.

Doug LaRosa was next with an application for a two lot subdivision of a 12.8 acre site providing 2 acres for the existing house and the remainder to front off an abutter's cul de sac. There was some concern over the use of the abutters road for frontage but LaRosa responded it was allowed by case law. He also provided a 50 foot strip from Durgin Road to the larger lot. Plans submitted needed an approval block, perc test results, and a soil scientist's signature. Conditional approval was granted pending completion of these items.

At the May 20 Public hearing the first item was the Jarvis/Varney boundary Line Adjustment continued from previous hearings. The applicant requested a continuation to the June 17 Public Hearing. Request was granted.

Next was the Camp Northwoods application for a Leadership Center continued from the April hearing. There were still some outstanding issues, some of which were waived, and others which were made conditions of approval: abutters to be added to plan, State approval obtained, the snow storage area identified, the Fire Department to inspect and sign off, and lighting and site plans approved. Conditional approval was granted pending receipt of these items.

The final item was the Lanes End Inc. application for a boat storage building. The site visit was completed and all other issues resolved. The application was approved.

The Jarvis/Varney Boundary Line Adjustment is scheduled for the June 17 Public Hearing.

Ken Cookson

## NEWS FLASH

All telephone poles and wires are now gone from Nineteen Mile Beach. The long awaited work was completed June 18 to provide space and safety for recreation on the town beach. Besides giving the town much needed activity area, removal of the poles and wires dramatically improves everyone's view of beautiful Nineteen Mile Bay!

Ted Bense

## LEON F. SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Tuftonboro Trustees of the Trust Funds are pleased to announce the recipients of the Leon F. Shepherd Scholarship awards. They are: Carey Black (Savannah College of Art and Design), Kristin Davis (Pensacola Christian College), Julia Finch (Suffolk University), Shama Lee Fronczak (UNH), Christopher McKenney (NH Community Technical College), and Mary Roseen (St. Lawrence)

To date the Trustees have not given any awards from the Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund as they are continuing to try to build up the principal to an amount able to generate meaningful interest. Prevented by law from adding to the existing Leon F. Shepherd Fund, the Trustees decided in 1996 to begin a town fund that could continue to grow indefinitely. Since then the fund has grown substantially with memorial and celebratory gifts. Last fall the Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund was honored to receive \$3,000 from the Bald Peak Community Fund, which brought the fund up to its current value of \$15,600. The Trustees actively encourage everyone to support this investment for the future education of Tuftonboro's young people. Donations may be sent to Trustees of the Trust Funds, P.O. Box 98, Center Tuftonbor NH, 03816.

Barbara McClure

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CENTER TUFTONBORO, NH

This is the history of the First Christian Church as told by the church record books. A good deal of this story is compiled from direct quotations from the records, using the same spelling and punctuation as in the records.

The "Historical Sketch of the First Christian Church in Tuftonborough, N.H." compiled by the church in the late nineteenth century states: "On the 27th of May 1820, seventeen persons met at the house of Thomas French and agreed to unite and be constituted a Christian Church taking the Scriptures as their only rule of faith and practice. Elder Mark Fernald who was present was chosen pastor. He retained the pastorate until June 29th, 1829, when he resigned and Elder William Blaisdell was chosen to that office."

The very first entry in the "Record of the Church in Tuftonborough" states: "Here begins a record of the most important transaction of the Church ... particularly the account of such conference or church meetings where any member is received or baptised or disowned & what particular charges they are disowned for & that any may know in future what is done in the church & none say they were disowned for nothing & church business ought to be done according to scripture after any member is scripturally admonished of there faults & refuses to give satisfaction they ought to be called to a meeting of the Church alone & if not satisfying the Church ought to be disowned & a Letter stating his faults that People may know for what members are disowned for. May 27th, 1820."

The second entry states: "December the 31, 1831 Met at Brother Haleys for Conference and Br. Joshua Neal refused to keep the Book any longer and the Brethren chose Enoch Haley to be the Scribe." Membership records show 14 members as of 1822, 8 women and 6 men, and 37 members by 1838, with 26 of them being women. After a season of poor attendance in 1838, 58 new members signed on in 1839. In those early days, meetings or conferences could go on for several days. A notation for Nov. 15, 1822 was to the effect that "the church should consider the last seventh day of the week in every month in the afternoon to be a set time for monthly conference at wick each member shall constantly attend, without something special to detain them, also such meetings are open for any friendly people."

A baptism held June 25, 1827 was described in more than usual detail, as follows: "... held a meeting on the Sabbath at the Town house, in the intermission the brethren held a meeting at the house of J. Piper Two came forward & wished to be baptised, the brethren satisfied & after meeting retired to the brook near T. French's [now Lovett's at 169 Middle Road] & Abigail Piper & Mary Ann Piper were baptised & received into the church..." In Mar. 1841 the meeting was held at Melvin River school-house and afterwards "the congregation repaired to the watter where Brother Dickson baptised two happy converts." At the next meeting, "there was six more that ... went down into the watter..."

Meetings were frequently held at the town house and local schools or at the homes of church members.

Minutes of the meetings generally stated either "nothing special took place," "it was a good meeting," or "not but a few attended" unless there was an election of a new scribe or a death or baptism to record. A typical death record is this one from 1832: "One more of our members is gown - on the ninth of November our sister Mary Hoit departed this life in hope of a better world and her desire was to departe and be with Christ which is far better."

The first instance of difficulty with a member was recorded on Mar. 12, 1835: "Met in church meeting at brother Saml. Piper's and took under consideration the case of brother George W. Piper whose unchristian walk for some time past had caused a trial in the church. Whereas some of late had discovered a degree of penitence in him wished an opportunity for further conversation. He was considered under admonition having the privilege with the prayers of the saints of making suitable acknowledgements & retaining his standing with the brethren." Then, on Sept. 25, 1835, "The church ... took the case of G. W. Piper into consideration. It was fully ascertained that he had used profane language and other unchristian conduct and having been waited upon by brethren and admonished, also informed that his case must be acted upon at said meeting. He refusing to attend, the church agreed to consider him gone out or disowned from the church." Interestingly enough, twenty years later, in 1856, Brother George W. Piper was voted to be a deacon of the church.

There were occasional withdrawals to join other churches and, of course, some deaths. In 1841 church attendance began to lessen and the minutes noted some division, a "train of trials," and a lack of union. In February 1841 the members voted to reject their pastor, Elder Blaisdell, and asked Elder Mark Fernald to be their pastor again. The special meeting called to meet with Elder Fernald lasted four and a half days and the members "were much encouraged."

However, in 1843 and 1844, controversy erupted. It seems that "the subject of our Lord's visible appearing & the destruction of the world in 1843 produced so much excitement in maney members of the Church that but little or nothing was done about Church business or recording what took place. The clerk with others thought it needless to invite those who were baptised to join so there was no additions and but little recorded for some time, say from June 1842 to June 1844. April 1844 at the close of a monthly conference three or four requested dismission from the Church & gave as reasons that the church was Babylon & they were called to come out of her ... A Brother advised that those who wished to leave leave all together. Those who remained took a vote which was not understood by many. The clerk & those who wished to leave thought all could leave by applying to him any time. He supposed he had a right to intirely blot out there names out of the Book of records which he did ... with twenty-seven members which disgraced the Book Shamefully until Eld. Mark Fernald restored it as much as possible and recorded there names as withdrawn in April 1844. We however larned that several were excited to this act by others and not that they thought the

church was Babylon ..."

"[Later] Eld. M. Fernald arrived & preached, plainly shoing the injurious error of regecting all protistant churches or calling them Babylon, he made an appointment for all who were church members in 1843 ... to meet ... & prey & talk matters over. Several However did not attend. Elder M. Fernald gave much good instruction, advise & explanations. Reasons were given by several for leaving the church. Dea[con] Caverly & Ladd the former clerk & others gave as there main reasons for Leaving that all the protistant churches were the Babylon of Revelation 17th & 18th Chapters. Eld. M. Fernald endeavored to show [that] such an application to the Church in Tuftonborough was unscriptural & wrong ...".

The references to Babylon are referring to a place of excessive wickedness. According to John W. Hayley's history, *Tuftonboro, New Hampshire*, William Miller of Pittsfield, Mass., a diligent student of the Holy Scriptures, who was especially interested in the prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse, came to the conclusion that "the prophetic periods had nearly expired; that time would end, and that Christ would come to judge the world in 1843. By a very singular coincidence, some dozen different methods of computing the prophetic periods all seemed to point unmistakeably to 1843." Hayley goes on to state that many of Miller's "followers lacked his caution and conservatism and went to great extremes. ... All at once, public attention was aroused. Great numbers of people accepted his doctrines and became zealous and ardent believers in the speedy coming of the Great Judge, the Son of Man." When the prophesied time came and nothing happened, "the popular excitement greatly diminished." After several more meetings in the summer of 1844, the controversy died down and new members began to be admitted to the church once again.

Records show meetings held once or twice a month for the next few years without controversy. In the fall of 1844 meetings began to be held regularly at the Meetinghouse with occasional meetings at someone's home during the colder months. In October 1853, the minutes state: "Met for conference, a large gathering for this church, a good work of revival began, it was a refreshing season, a good revival, interest was manifest among gods children, about 50 spoak and prey'd, to the Lord be all the praise."

Trouble began brewing again in 1855 when several members refused to stand and relate their religious experiences after being asked to at a meeting when everyone else had already done so. Within a month or so, members began asking to be dismissed and in May 1856 new Articles of Agreement were produced by Elder W. H. Ireland. One of the articles provided that all members "will be expected punctually to attend" the conference meetings the first Saturday of every month and "give a relation of their religious feelings, and any member neglecting to do so once or twice, shall be enquired of by someone of the officers of the church ...". Another agreement was "to abstain from all intoxicating drinks, as a beverage." Sixteen men and 28 women signed on as members under this new agreement.

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The "Historical Sketch" goes on to relate the list of pastors who served the church through 1859 when "the Church was then in a low divided state." And then, "The[re] has [been] several revivals at different times. In 1839 there was a very general and extensive reformation in the town, about seventy were baptized and added to the Church. In the winter of 1860 God graciously revived his work. Saints were quickened, backsliders reclaimed, sinners converted, and stumbling blocks removed." In April 1859 Elder William H. Ireland left and the church was without a pastor. "Conferences were held yet few attended. The clerk being absent no record was kept. ...Aug. 6th, 1859 A few met in conference at the chapel. Pretty good season, but state of religion rather low." Thus ends the first book of records for the church and the minutes don't start again until July 13, 1860 when "the brethren and sisters met at the Chapel and agreed to drop the old records and form a new church. Elder Thomas Bartlett was chosen Pastor until the church could obtain a resident one. The church then voted to adopt the following covenants:

1. We believing the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments given by the inspiration of God, promise to be governed by them in faith and actions,
2. And covenant with each other ever to cherish an especial care for the spiritual welfare one of another,
3. To sympathise with each other in whatever trials may befall us,
4. Faithfully to admonish every one of our members who at any time shall transgress the precepts of the Holy Scriptures,
5. When not necessarily detained to meet together on each Lords day for worship and attend the established church and conference meetings, also to unite with each other in partaking of the Lords Supper."

This time there were 29 men and 39 women who signed on as members.

*To be continued.* Susan H. Weeks

#### TUFTONBORO ASSOCIATION

The Tuftonboro Association, in cooperation with the Selectmen, is sponsoring a town wide roadside clean up for Saturday June 19, 2004. If the campaign is successful an earlier more extensive drive will be planned for next year.

The Tuftonboro Association's Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2004 at the Tuftonboro Central School. A flyer will be mailed in Late August with more details. This will be an important meeting as all officer and several director positions are up for election this year. Copies of the revised by laws approved at last years meeting will be available at the meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Association is invited to attend as well as regular members. Anyone interested in holding an office in the Association should contact aNiel Hansen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at 544-8833. Ken Cookson

#### SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The School Board calendar for the month of June was a busy one. One June 1st, we held the Lakeside Academy Graduation and this year we graduated 27 students, our largest number to date. This alternative program has been part of our district for eight years and gives students at risk an opportunity to complete their high school education and receive a recognized diploma. This has dramatically reduced the potential dropout rate and has been a very positive experience for these students. I would like to thank the taxpayers of this district for their continuing support of this vital program.

On Wednesday, June 2, I had the privilege of attending the first "Gold Scholar" luncheon, which replaced the traditional "top ten luncheon". As I have reported in the past, we have established a program to recognize student scholastic achievement as well as their community and extra-curricular activities with the designations of "Gold Scholar", "Silver Scholar" and "Green and White Scholar". This year we recognized 23 seniors as "Gold Scholars". At the luncheon each student was given a certificate of achievement plus an engraved "Gold Scholar" plaque.

Other events during the month of June included Senior Banquet, Baccalaureate, Senior Awards Night and Graduation on June 12. On Tuesday, June 8, a reception was held for district retirees and this year we said good-by to Nancy Piper and Kathy Donovan, longtime teachers at Tuftonboro Central School. On behalf of a very grateful school district, I wish both of these fine teachers a very happy retirement and a huge thank you for all you have given to the students in Tuftonboro Central School and the district.

We are busy this summer with new staff hiring and reviewing district policies in preparation for the new school year. We are also working very hard to identify potential sites for the two intermediate schools as the next phase of our twenty-year building plan. We are very hopeful that in the early fall we will be able to propose locations for these two schools and begin holding public meetings to explain the design and setup of these schools. We are hoping to have this phase of the building plan ready to present to the district voters at the deliberative session in February and to be voted on in March 2005. This vote will be critical to the plan for managing the growth and building needs throughout the entire district and I encourage you to attend the informational meetings when they are announced. We need your support!!

As you know, I am serving as Board Chair this year and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions concerning our school district. If I do not have the answer I will get it for you. I am always available to meet with individuals or groups to discuss any school issues you are interested in. I can be reached at 544-9086 evenings or by e-mail at [Melvin@wordlpath.net](mailto:Melvin@wordlpath.net). I look forward to hearing from you.

Jack Widmer

#### CHILDREN'S VOICES

Both of these poems by Tuftonboro Central School students won the Carroll County 2004 Robert Frost Youth Poetry Contest

Ants are like black jelly beans  
Moss looks like green sea urchins  
An acorn hat like dragon scales  
Roots are as thin as thin potatoes  
I hear blue jays chatter in the oaks  
Like my brother on the phone  
Pine trees look like porcupine quills.

*By Peter Gibson, Grade 4*

Raging  
The waves crashing,  
Up and down,  
Odd things, raging, laughing  
And also screeching.  
You can also hear the breeze  
And the sand  
In your face,  
The rocks rumbling as the wind  
Picks them up  
And they crumble to pieces.  
The raging of  
The water hitting your feet,  
The little bumps  
All over you in the chill,  
The seaweed and other creatures  
In the raging water over  
Your feet as you walk along  
The golden brown sand.  
You can see the sun set  
Over the waves  
And the waves settling down  
As the moon comes up!

*By Tyrna DeMeritt, Grade 4*

#### ABENAKI TOWER AND TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The 79th Annual meeting of the Abenaki Tower and Trail Association will be held in the Community Room at the Tuftonboro Public Library on Saturday, August 14, 2004 at 3:00 PM. The election of officers for the coming year and the election of new Directors will be the primary business of the meeting. Our program this year will be presented by Allen Gerrish, a long time Summer resident, who will talk about life in past years on the Wawbeek Shore.

The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is a private, non profit organization that maintains the Abenaki Tower for the enjoyment of the general public. All are welcome to attend this annual meeting. Member ship in the Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is \$20 per year for a family. Anyone interested in the tower or the towns of Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro is encouraged to become a member by writing to P.O. Box 191, Melvin Village, N.H. 03850. Membership dues are used to maintain the tower.

Norman D. Farwell

## CHURCH NEWS

### Melvin Village Community Church

Excitement abounds at Melvin Village Community Church this summer. July 17 and 24 bring the bustle of the annual church auction and fair which offer a wide array of items for every shopper, as well as food and a chance to visit with friends. The proceeds help support on-going church programs.

On July 29, preceding the quarterly business meeting, a pot luck dessert will be shared and the choir will sing favorite songs of yesteryear. All are invited. August 2-6 brings the delightful Church Adventure Week under the very capable leadership of Jennifer Coulter and Duke Southard. This program is offered for children ages 4 to 12. Last year we had 46 children, both year round and seasonal residents. Please call Duke Southard at 539-6560 or pick up forms at the church office to register your child by the deadline of July 28.

Jack Widmer is gathering a group to present a light-hearted dramatic production in late summer. Finally, September 4 (the Saturday of Labor Day week-end) arrives with the Flea Market and Giant Yard Sale held on church grounds. This event always provides a good opportunity to buy, sell and socialize. The inspiring 10 a.m. worship service, led by our Pastor Mark Larson, and Summer Sunday School continue each week.

**The Mirror Lake Community Church** will begin its 135th season on Sunday, June 20th with the Rev. Jess Schload of Moultonboro at the pulpit. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday from June 20th through Sept. 12th, 2004.

Returning clergy for 2004 include Rev. Gordon Forbes of Maryland, (6/27), Rev. David Huff of Center Sandwich, (7/11), Rev. Robert Williams of Concord, (7/8), Rev. James Smith of Danville, N.H., (7/25), Rev. Ed Charest of Moultonboro, (8/1), Rev. Alden Barnes of Bristol, Ct. (8/8), Rev. Arthur Rouner of Edina, MN, (8/22), Rev. Walter Davis of Claremont, CA, (8/29), Rev. Miller Lovett, of Meredith, (9/5), and Rev. Elizabeth Nordbeck of Wolfeboro, (9/12). New clergy will be Rev. James Laurence of South Carolina, and Rev. Brad Wolff of Center Harbor.

Guest musicians participate in each service and this summer there are many accomplished musicians sharing their talent in praise. A first for the church this year will be the Mirror Lake Community Church Choir. Anyone who is interested may join this group. Rehearsals will take place after some of the services and they will sing on August 1st. MLCC is unique in that once you attend you become a member and are welcome to join the lay committee, which manages the church, and attend the annual meeting and potluck supper.

The church is self-sufficient due to the generosity of Ernie Piper who established, in his will, a trust fund that currently provides all necessary funds for the functioning of the church. To honor Ernie, the church will be having a second annual Ernie Piper Day on Saturday July 31st. Held on the church lawn, ice cream, punch and cookies will be served and activities will be provided for the children. Plan to attend this event, to meet friends, community people, and learn about the history of the church!

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission recently received word from the N.H. Farmland Protection Program that Tuftonboro's application to preserve the Cheney Farm was not approved in the first round of funding. There were 21 applications requesting a total of \$5,437,750. The New Hampshire Program had only \$2,500,000 to award and was only able to fund 10 of the applications. The Cheney Farm was not one of those ten recipients not because the project was unworthy we have been assured, but because the competition was very strong and priority was given to farms with a high percentage of arable land. There is still hope, however, as there will be another round of awards after some states return allotted funds they were unable to use. Typically New Hampshire has received an additional \$600,000 to \$700,000 in years past. The Cheney Farm was ranked 15th out of the 21 applications, and these second-round funds will be offered to applicants in the order of their ranking. Several applications ranked before the Cheney Farm are for sums larger than will probably be available. Therefore they must accept partial funding or give up their position. So it is quite conceivable that there will be money left to fund Tuftonboro's modest request for \$73,500. We will not know until sometime in late August or early September.

On April 21st the four UNH students who have been working on a Natural Resource Inventory mapping project for the Conservation Commission gave a presentation at the Tuftonboro Central School describing the various components of the Inventory: aquifers, surface waters, wetlands, soil types, vegetative cover, and wildlife habitat. These resources will be mapped on transparent mylar and can be used individually or collectively in conjunction with a topographic base map and – eventually – with digitized town tax maps to delineate sensitive areas for conservation planning and Master Plan consideration.

Ann Hackl

## HIKERS

The Hikers awarded named scholarships this year to the following students: The Marion Horner Robie Scholarship to Mary Roseen, The Inez Wood Scholarship to Jennifer Weeks, and The Bertha Shepard Scholarship to Amy Zimmerman. Other scholarship awards were presented to Carey Jean Black, Kristen Davis, Caitlin Donnelly, Casey Finch, Julie Finch, Shama Fronczak, Samantha McLellan, Elizabeth Widmer and Holly Williams. We congratulate all the graduates and wish them well in their future careers.

Local author Duke Southard will speak about his new book "The Birth of an Agent" at our June 17 meeting. Books will be available or you may bring your own for the author's signature.

On Saturday, June 26 we will be holding our annual bake sale in front of the Melvin Village Post Office. The sale is from 9:AM until we sell out. Members are asked to drop off their baked goods at 8:30 A.M..

Glo Bullock, local designer of one-of-a-kind jewelry will be our guest speaker when we resume our meetings in September. She will speak after the Business Meeting on Sept. 2. We will be traveling to Newfield, Maine to visit Willowbrook, a 19th-century Country Village Museum. The price is \$15.00 and includes lunch. For more information and reservations please call Pat Cookson at 544 – 2248.

This year the planting of the Melvin Triangle was a challenge with all the rain we had. John Galvin prepared the soil and the planting was done by Joan Theve, Jean Galvin, Kristen and Harold Isley and Ann Haley. We would like to thank Bill Stockman for donating the flowers.

New members are always welcome to join Hikers and to participate in the various club activities of raising money for scholarships and promoting other worthwhile causes in the community.

Ann Haley

## HUMANE SOCIETY

Do you have an aggressive dog? An ill-mannered dog? Does your dog bark inappropriately? Jump up on people? Is your dog lazy? Bored? Inattentive? Out of control? Did you know that most of these problems can be solved with some training?

Training isn't hard to do, but most people don't bother to train dogs. The biggest reason for not training isn't because of the time needed. No, the biggest reason is because the trainer must make changes in his/her lifestyle. Consistency is the most important rule in training, and in the real world, people aren't always consistent in their behavior. For example, to keep your dog from jumping on people, you must always use the same word or phrase to elicit the correct response. You must never allow your dog to jump on you without permission in order to reinforce the desired behavior. These last two sentences contain words that are difficult for humans: always and never. But they are important in training a dog. **Consistency** is the key.

Dogs are bright animals, but they can sometimes become confused. By using different commands and tones of voice you can create a variety of responses. For example, if I call my dog to come and get a cookie, my tone is pleasant and welcoming. She comes running toward me. If I use a harsh or scolding tone, she may come, but she will move slowly with her head and tail down. She wants the cookie (she is familiar with the word), but my tone provides her with a different signal, accusatory and unwelcoming. She is confused. Both words and tone can cause confusion, so be sure your signals are clear. By always using the **same** tone and words, you will always get the correct response. Lots of praise is also part of a good training program, and, of course, punishment is NEVER used.

Training does take time, but it can take as little as ten minutes a day of play with your dog, reinforcing the behavior you want. Make the training as much fun as possible for both you and your dog. If problems are more serious than jumping up, barking, or boredom, we recommend that you speak with a trainer to help you work out a training plan. LRHS has several trainers who can help. In the months from May through November, we offer basic training classes at the shelter. But, you don't have to wait. Call us at 569-3549. We can help start you and your dog today on the road to becoming perfect companions.

Caroline Hess

## CONCORD OBSERVER

Governor Benson has called for the legislature to try yet another attempt at a constitutional amendment rather than solve the school funding crisis. Perhaps he should examine the history of why and how New Hampshire has a constitution in the first place. The New Hampshire Constitution predates the U.S. Constitution by five years, as a direct result of another governor, and of a familiar figure in Tuftonboro history — John Tufton Mason.

King Charles II ordered the creation of the Province of New Hampshire on January 1, 1680, at the urging of Mason's cousin, Edward Randolph. Mason's grandfather, Captain John Mason, had originally been granted the land 50 years earlier, and John Tufton Mason, as heir to the grant, expected to collect rent from the hundreds of property owners in the province of about 4000 citizens. Randolph expected appointment to royal positions, with their income and patronage.

The King appointed a Royal President (John Cutt, effectively the Governor) and a nine-man Council from seacoast residents, who served reluctantly. They created an elected eleven-man Assembly that convened on March 16, 1680, and immediately opposed paying any rents — an early version of “the pledge.” The Assembly was supported by Cutt and the Council, no rents were paid, and for the next 95 years the New Hampshire legislature consisted of the Council as the upper house and the Assembly as the lower

The legislature was still controlled by the Governor, however. The Council was unelected, and by 1775 the Assembly represented only those towns that supported the Governor and the British. Governor John Wentworth excluded towns like Concord that he favored less. When the Assembly proved ornery about things like taxes, Governor Wentworth simply dissolved it, several times. The lack of representation led 85 towns to meet on their own as a Provincial Congress on July 21, 1774.

Finally, Governor Wentworth attempted to install a supporter named John Fenton in the Assembly, which refused to seat him. The “frantic rage and fury of the people” reached a point where some rolled a cannon up to the door of Wentworth's mansion and demanded Fenton's surrender. The Governor, his wife, and infant son took refuge at Fort William and Mary, and sailed out of Portsmouth a few months later on August 23, 1775. New Hampshire then had no governor, no royal charter, and no legal authority. The Provincial Congress and Town Meetings became the de facto government.

The Provincial Congress petitioned the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, which passed a resolution on December 21, 1775 recommending the formation of a state government, rather than that of a province or colony. The Fifth Provincial Congress then adopted a 911 word constitution effective January 5, 1776 that provided for a state Council and Assembly, and NO governor!

The arrangement proved unsatisfactory for a variety of reasons, and a new constitution was drafted over the next five years, with the citizens voting down several versions until it was ratified on October 31, 1783, and became effective June 2, 1784. There have been 141 amendments approved by the voters since then, but the

original principles remain, including a Bill of Rights that was included from the beginning, not tacked on later like the U.S. Constitution's.

Unlike any other state, New Hampshire retains the authority of the Executive Council as part of a split executive system, with one of the least powerful governors in the country. In addition, the New Hampshire Constitution includes a right not found in the U.S. Bill of Rights, in Part I Article 10:

”[Right of Revolution.] Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power, and oppression, is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.”

Does anyone have a cannon to point at Governor Benson's door?

Ralph Kirschner

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society welcomed back the winter travelers at their first meeting of the year on May 26th with a traditional pot luck supper. After a short business meeting, Sue Weeks, the museum curator, was introduced as the speaker for the evening. She gave a presentation on new museum acquisitions and read a number of news articles from early issues of the *Granite State News* that have been recently donated to the museum. It was a great way to start our year and we enjoyed the many new members who contributed to the excellent turnout.

Our goals for this year are to increase membership and to have more people attend meetings. To facilitate this we have moved our meetings to Wednesday evenings. Our next meeting will be held at the Willing Workers Hall on Wednesday, June 23rd, and the guest speaker will be Jean Meyer Ray's family presenting a pictorial history of Camp Boycroft located on Tuftonboro Neck.

The July meeting will be on Wednesday, July 28th at the Village Old Car Shop in Melvin Village. Our host for the evening will be Bart Carlson speaking on early auto pioneers.

In August the Craft Day and Flea Market will be held at the Historical Society museum on Saturday, August 21st. If you are a craft person interested in renting space for the event, please contact Sue Weeks. Donations are to be left off at Mary Hunter's garage any time up to the day of the event. If you need to arrange pickup donations, please contact Mary at 544-2400. The Craft Day and Flea Market is our big fund raising event of the year so donations are much appreciated.

To complete the month of August we will have a Pound Auction on August 25th at 7:30 pm. Bring a pound of something wrapped to disguise and we will auction it off. There will be good bargains, but watch out for that pound of nails cleverly wrapped.

Most importantly, please come and visit us at the

museum. We are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 4 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm during the months of July and August. Our special artist exhibit for the summer features the paintings of Priscilla Hodges. This exhibit alone is worth the stop - and there is so much more to see - lots of new acquisitions and many refurbished books of pictures and information. We have worked hard to clean the museum and get everything rearranged and displayed so that you'll find something new of interest every time you visit. Mary Hunter

## TUFTONBORO FREE LIBRARY

Summer is upon us and things are heating up at the Tuftonboro Free Library!

**Summer Reading Program** — Our program focuses on reading for pleasure. Kids may participate whenever the Library is open. This year's theme is *Check Out A Hero*, and the Library's hero is the Amazing Super Dog. To participate, kids read a book and write a review or draw a picture. For every book read, kids move Amazing Super Dog higher on the skyscraper and claim a prize!

**Story Time** — Read-aloud stories and crafts for children ages 3-5. No registration necessary. Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, July 14, 21, and 28. **Super Thursdays** — Fun programs for kids on Thursday afternoons in July. No registration necessary. Mr. Phil's Comedy Magic Show on Thursday, July 1 at 2:00 PM. Live Animals with “Bad Reputations” on Thursday, July 15 at 2:00 PM. Rhythm Instrument Workshop on Thursday, July 22 at 2:00 PM. Little Red Wagon Theatre on Thursday, July 29 at 2:45 PM

Children's summer programs are supported by gifts from the Mirror Lake Community Church & the Governor Wentworth Arts Council.

**Family Movie Matinees** — Come see three children's films new to the Library. Of course, we'll serve popcorn and lemonade, too! Thursdays at 2:00 PM, August 5, 12, and 19. **The Candy Jar** — Just how many pieces of candy ARE in that jar? If your guess comes closest without going over, you win it all! **Free Passes** — The Library's Free Passes may be the answer to the “we're bored” blues. Places of interest to kids include

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, the Wright Museum, the Libby Museum, the NH Farm Museum, and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium. In all, we offer a dozen free or discount passes to attractions throughout the area, all made possible by a gift from the Friends of the Library. **Book & Bake Sale** — Don't forget the Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale, on Saturday, July 10 from 8:30 AM to noon. Loads of books, audiotapes, CDs, & videos, plus a silent auction for New Hampshireana and other collectibles. Check out the display case at the Library in advance for a preview of these special auction items. We welcome book donations through July 9 and baked goods on the morning of the sale. **Book & Breakfast** — The Friends are trying something new in August with a Book & Breakfast on Thursday, August 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Join your friends for breakfast and conversation with New Hampshire author Willem Lange. Copies of Will's books will be available for purchase and autographing.

Christie Sarles & Lindalee Lambert

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2004

## JULY

|           |                     |  |                      |
|-----------|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1         | 2:00 PM             | Super Thursday Event - Mr. Phil's Comedy Magic Show  | Tuft. Free Library   |
| 2         | 9:00 AM - Noon      | Sign up for Children's Swim Program  | 19 Mile Bay Beach    |
| 3         | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM   | Sign up for Children's Swim Program  | 19 Mile Bay Beach    |
| 6 - Aug 5 |                     | TCS Reading and Math Summer School<br>Tues, Wed & Thur Mornings - Call 569-2050                | Tuft. Center School  |
| 10        | 8:30 AM - Noon      | Friends of the Library Annual Book and Bake Sale   | Tuft. Free Library   |
| 10        | 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM   | Trough Gardens featuring alpine plants   | Spider Web Gardens   |
| 15        | 2:00 PM             | Super Thursday Event - Live Animals with "Bad Reputations"                                     | Tuft. Free Library   |
| 17        | 10:00 AM - Sold Out | Melvin Village Community Church Annual Auction   | MVCC Grounds         |
| 22        | 2:00 PM             | Super Thursday Event - Rhythm Instrument Workshop  | Tuft. Free Library   |
| 24        | 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM   | Melvin Village Community Church Annual Fair  | MVCC Grounds         |
| 24        | 5:00 PM & 6:30 PM   | Church Supper - Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church<br>Teriyaki Chicken (Reservations 569-6509) | Tuft. Meth. Church   |
| 24        | 5:30 PM             | Grange Supper (Reservation Florence Perkins - 569-2041)  | Grange Hall          |
| 28        | 7:30 PM             | Historical Society Meeting<br>Early Auto Pioneers - Speaker, Bart Carlson                      | Village Old Car Shop |
| 29        | 2:45 PM             | Super Thursday Event - Little Red Wagon Theatre  | Tuft. Free Library   |
| 31        | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM   | Ernie Piper Day - Ice Cream Social   | Mirror Lake Church   |

## AUGUST

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| 5    | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Friends of the Library Book and Breakfast<br>Continental Breakfast and Author Willem Lange   | Tuft. Free Library      |
| 6-10 | 8:45 AM - Noon     | Church Adventure Week  | MVCC                    |
| 14   | 3:00 PM            | Abenaki Tower and Trail Association - Annual Meeting   | Tuft. Free Library      |
| 21   | 10:00 AM           | Fall seeding of Lawns  | Spider Web Gardens      |
| 21   | 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM | Historical Society Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market   | Historical Soc. Museum  |
| 25   | 7:30 PM            | Historical Society Meeting - Fun Night, Pound Auction  | Historical Soc. Museum  |
| 28   | 5:00 PM & 6:30 PM  | Church Supper - Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church<br>Braised Beef - (Reservations 569-6509) | Tuft. Cor. Meth. Church |
| 28   | 5:30 PM            | Grange Supper (Reservations Florence Perkins - 569-2041)                                     | Grange Hall             |

## SEPTEMBER

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| 1  | 9:00 AM - Noon     | TCS Welcome Open house - Visit Classrooms   | Tuft. Central School    |
| 2  | 8:35 AM            | School Begins   | Tuft. Central School    |
| 4  | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | Melvin Village Comm. Church Flea Market and Giant Yard Sale   | MVCC Grounds            |
| 7  | 7:00 PM            | Tuftonboro School PTCO Meets, everyone welcome  | Tuft. Central School    |
| 17 | 7:00 PM            | Tuftonboro Association Annual Meeting   | Tuft. Central School    |
| 18 | 10:00 AM           | Scarecrow Making Workshop   | Spider Web Gardens      |
| 22 | 6:00 PM            | Historical Society Meeting - Pot Luck Supper<br>Tour and History of Camp William Lawrence - Nat Crane | Camp William Lawrence   |
| 23 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  | TCS Open House - Including Supper and Book Sale   | Tuft. Central School    |
| 25 | 5:00PM & 6:30 Pm   | Church Supper - Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church<br>Baked Sugar Cured Ham - Reservations (569-6509) | Tuft. Cor. Meth. Church |

Spider Web Gardens Seminars - Seminars are free but space is limited to sign up please call (603) 569-5056.

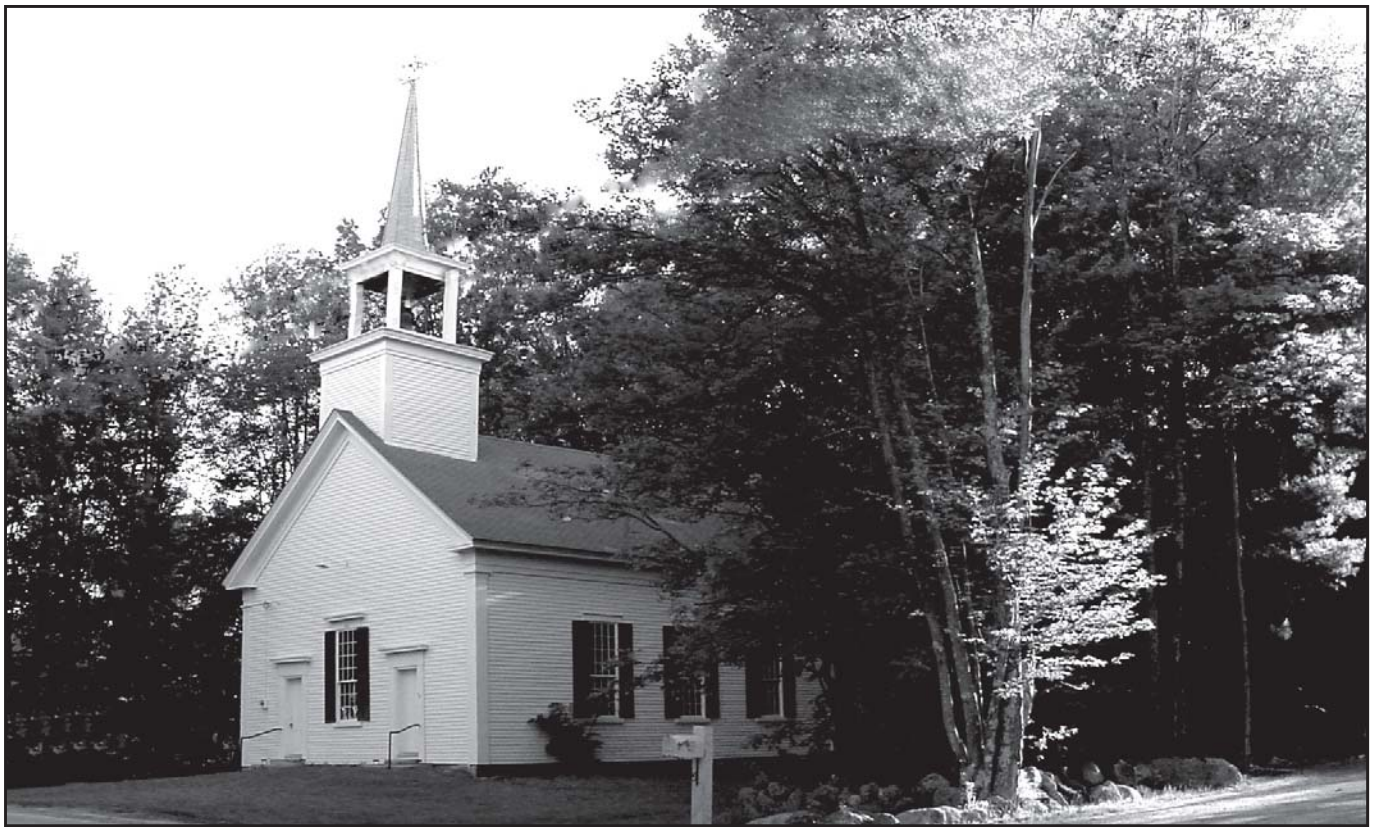
### Tuftonboro Free Library Summer Programs

Summer Reading Program, "Check Out a Hero at the Library", begins as soon as school is out.

Story Time Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, July 14, 21 and 28. Children 3-5. Parents are requested to stay with children.

Family Matinees - Thursdays at 2:00 PM August 5, 12 and 19.

Super Thursdays - July, (Details in calendar above)



First Christian Church of Center Tuftonboro.. This perfectly preserved architectural gem retains all of its original interior, including decorative tin ceilings and walls, central chandeliers, and two cast iron stoves, which still provide the only heat for the building. A history of the Church—part one—is included in this newsletter. (Photo by Phil Martin)

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